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75 turn out for '80 track team

Thirty boys and 45 girls -- including seventh and eighth graders -- have turned out for track this season, according to Ray Archer, who coaches both boys' and girls' track.

While the teams haven't had enough practice yet to give the coach any concrete idea what to expect his season, Archer does expect "a lot of good effort, from returning team members as well as new prospects."

The first track meet this year, which is scheduled for March 18 at Appomattox against Randolph Henry, may have to be postponed if the weather does not break soon.

"I have to get the track into shape, and it'll be pretty hard to do that unless the snow leaves us alone," says Archer.

Archer adds that the track will have to be marked off differently this year, as Seminole District schools will be running metric distances this year for the first time, just as area colleges do.

Returning standouts from last year's boys' team include Louis Garcia, a pole vaulter who was unbeaten if district competition last year; Kevin Jaggers, another pole vaulter who usually took second place behind Garcia in district meets; Kenny Shorter, Scott Stevens, and Craig Smith, distance runners; Robert Harding, who will run the 440 and the relay; Jeff Bryant, who works the shotput and the discus; Louis Foster, who is "probably the best hurdler in the district," according to Archer; and Ralph Robinson, who specializes in the high jump and the 440.

Archer has high hopes for freshman Dennis Fleshman, who will be running his first year of varsity track in the sprinting category.

Girls from whom Archer expects a lot this year include Margaret Lyons (hurdles, 440 and relays), Pam Guill (sprints), Dana White (shotput and discus), Debbie Williams (distance runner), and Ruby Smith (sprints).

Varsity baseball starts March 26

The Appomattox varsity baseball season is scheduled to get underway March 26 against Gretna at home and while it't early yet for predictions, Coach Howard Clabough expects a "pretty good" season.

Clabough says 32 boys have tried out for baseball and practiced "the one or two days" weather permitted prior to this week.

"For what little hitting we've done, I'd say the team looks pretty good," said Clabough. The varsity team is scheduled to scrimmage E. C. Glass High School March 11, but at the beginning of this week the weather made that scrimmage questionable.

Clabough says the baseball team, which will be cut down to between 15 and 18 players, will consist of several returning stars from last year's team, as well as some promising new talent.

Returning are pitcher Darrell Schrock, third baseman Terry Woods, second baseman Bryan Roach, and reserve Greg Cheatham, all seniors.

Juniors returning to the squad this year are Kenny Wayne Burks (catcher), Franky McCormick (pitcher), Neal Cole (reserve third baseman), and Bucky Potty, an outfielder. Keith Mann, a sophmore infielder, will return this spring as well.

There are several talented players trying out for the team this year who have not played previously, as well. Seniors coming out this spring are Steve Cobb (infield), Gus Paulette (catcher and first base), and Larry Kelso (pitcher, first base).

Juniors trying out this year who did not play last year include outfielders Steve Pool, Ricky Harris, and John McFadden, and Marvin Johnson and Jonathan Pickett, who will be vying for pitching or first-base positions.

Clabough notes that freshman Kevin Ferguson and Kevin Mitchell will be battling for a spot on the baseball squad this spring as well.

Clabough says he will make finkl cuts following more on-field practice, prior to the first game, scheduled for March 26.

Softball team set for good season

All but two of last year's powerful Appomattox Girls' Softball team members will be playing again this year, according to coach Mary Tolley.

The seven returnees, including five seniors, will form the nucleus of a team which Tolley hopes will improve on last year's 15-3 Seminole District runners-up.

"We should have a good year," says Tolley. "We came in second place in the district last year, losing to Amherst in the tournament. If I can find two players to replace those who left last year, we should be in good shape."

Girls returning to the squad this year include seniors Sherri Repass (catcher), Johnna Belger (pitcher), Annette Carter (first base), Debbie Smith (third base), and Angie Richardson (center field).

Juniors returning from last year's squad include short stop Susan Handy and left fielder Karen Johnson.

"So far, they've looked pretty good, even though we haven't had much chance to practice with the weather being what it has," says the coach. Tolley notes that 22 girls have tried out for the team, which will be cut "to about 18" before the season opener March 19 at Buckingham.

The girls' first district game is scheduled for March 26 against Gretna at Gretna.

The team is also scheduled to scrimmage Prince Edward March 13, according to Tolley.

"They've been putting forth a lot of effort so far," the coach concludes. "But it's hard to tell yet what kind of season we'll have this year. We need more good hard practice."

Spring gymnastics classes set

The Spring session of gymnastics classes will be held at Appomattox County High School beginning Mar. 18.

There will be eight classes, ending May 13. The cost is $18.00 for 8 weeks, plus $2.00 YWCA membership fee for new members.

Call the Lynchburg YWCA at 847-7751 to register. Clases are limited as to the number of students it can accomodate.

Beginner II class will be from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.; intermediate classes will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.; beginner, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Beginner II from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. and an intermediate class from 7:45 to 8:45.

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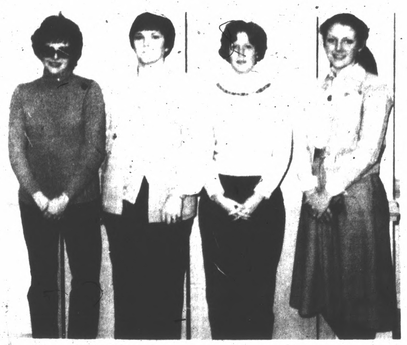

Shown above are Elizabeth Harris, Pat Paulette, Mary Turner and Jennifer Midgett, who were inducted into the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club in December. The Appomattox Juniors welcome these girls and look forward to having them as part of our club.

Four returnees to ACHS tennis team

This year's Appomattox girls' tennis team will feature four returning players from last year, including senior Kim Hipps and three juniors.

Those juniors, Linda Cowan, Dana Ford, and Bobbie McFadden, are among 16 girls overall who will make up the 1980 Appomattox girls' tennis squad.

"Our first scheduled match is March 21 against Randolph Henry," according to coach Lacy Harris. She notes that the first district match is scheduled for March 26 against Rustburg.

Harris, who says the team had the chance to practice only twice before the snow storm, is encouraged by the response to this year's tennis program.

"This is the most we've ever had to turn out for the tennis team," says the coach.

Harris hopes to improve on last year's season, in which the team went 5-5 in the Seminole District, and won seven games against five losses overall.

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Gymnastics meet planned for Saturday

There will be a gymnastics meet at Appomattox Elementary School Saturday, March 8, at 12 noon between the Lynchburg YWCA Springers and Waynesboro WMCA.

There is no charge for admission, and the public is invited to come out and support the Springers.

Emily Shea, Valerie Guill, and Christy Tucker of Appomattox will be competing.

School census will be taken within six weeks

Sections 22-223 through 22-228 of the Virginia School Laws require that beginning in 1980 and every three years thereafter, a school census be taken. These sections of the law require that the name, age and other pertinent information be collected for each child one through 19 years of age and handicapped children ages 20 and 21 years of age, according to Lloyd G. Walton, superintendent of schools in Appomattox County.

Statistics from the census will be used by the State in determining the distribution of the one percent State sales tax money and other monies to the counties, cities and towns. Therefore, it is important to all residents that an accurate census be made so that the county of Appomattox recieves its fair share of these monies.

Statistical summaries from the census will be used by the county of Appomattox and by the State of Virginia in planning to meet future educational needs and as an aid in formulating future educational policies at the local and state levels, respectively.

"Within the next six weeks citizens will be contacted by Mrs. Royal Moore or Mr. Vernell Mitchell, census enumerators," said Mr. Walton. "Please give them your cooperation and assistance," he added.

Oakville news

Mark Drinkard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Drinkard, went to University of Virginia Hospital, Charlottesville on Monday for tests. He was accompanied by his mother.

The 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Edward Moore was celebrated at Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church on Feb. 24 and was well attended. It was quite a festive occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. "Bob" Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard left early Monday a.m. to visit relatives in Texas.

We need to be much in prayer for the sick.

Chestnut Grove news

Feb. 25 -- Mrs. Roger Morris accompanied by Mrs. Rice Seay of Andersonville spent Wednesday with Mrs. Seay's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carey Lovelace, in Richmond.

Tuesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Senger were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hicks of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Repass attended the funeral of Swanson Repass in Abindgon Friday and returned home Sunday.

Saturday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook were Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Barton of Richmond and Mr. and Mrs. William L. Carter of Burkeville were Sunday visitors in the same home.

The Young Adult Sunday School Class had a supper at the church Saturday.

Chuck Meek of Longwood College spent the weekend with Roger Spivey.

H. Flood Harris of Green Bay was a Sunday visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Russell L. Harris and Benny Harris of Richmond was a Monday visitor in the same home.

Visitors during the weekend in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey N. Morris were Mr. and Mrs. John Waycaster, and Amy and Jason of Dillwyn; Stuart Jackson and Charles Morris, both of Richmond; Aaron Dudley of Charlotte, N. C.; and F. W. Harris of Dillwyn.

Visitors Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin W. Morris were John Waycaster and children of Dillwyn; Charles Morris of Richmond; Kenneth Morris of Farmville, and Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Morris of Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith visited during the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Harris.

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